

(ii) which are the same percentage of the annual deductible limit under the high deductible health plan covering the employees.

(B) Part-year employees

In the case of an employee who is employed by the employer for only a portion of the calendar year, a contribution to the medical savings account of such employee shall be treated as comparable if it is an amount which bears the same ratio to the comparable amount (determined without regard to this subparagraph) as such portion bears to the entire calendar year.

(3) Comparable participating employees

For purposes of paragraph (1), the term “comparable participating employees” means all employees—

(A) who are eligible individuals covered under any high deductible health plan of the employer, and

(B) who have the same category of coverage.

For purposes of subparagraph (B), the categories of coverage are self-only and family coverage.

(4) Part-time employees

(A) In general

Paragraph (3) shall be applied separately with respect to part-time employees and other employees.

(B) Part-time employee

For purposes of subparagraph (A), the term “part-time employee” means any employee who is customarily employed for fewer than 30 hours per week.

(e) Controlled groups

For purposes of this section, all persons treated as a single employer under subsection (b), (c), (m), or (o) of section 414 shall be treated as 1 employer.

(f) Definitions

Terms used in this section which are also used in section 220 have the respective meanings given such terms in section 220.

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EFFECTIVE DATE

Section applicable to taxable years beginning after Dec. 31, 1996, see section 301(j) of Pub. L. 104-191, set out as an Effective Date of 1996 Amendment note under section 62 of this title.

SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in section 106 of this title.

CHAPTER 44—QUALIFIED INVESTMENT ENTITIES

Sec.	
4981.	Excise tax on undistributed income of real estate investment trusts.
4982.	Excise tax on undistributed income of regulated investment companies.

AMENDMENTS

1986—Pub. L. 99-514, title VI, §651(c), Oct. 22, 1986, 100 Stat. 2297, substituted: “QUALIFIED INVESTMENT

ENTITIES” for “REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUSTS” as chapter heading, substituted “Excise tax on undistributed income of real estate investment trusts” for “Excise tax based on certain real estate investment trust taxable income not distributed during the taxable year” in item 4981, and added item 4982.

1976—Pub. L. 94-455, title XVI, §1605(a), Oct. 4, 1976, 90 Stat. 1754, added chapter heading and section analysis.

CHAPTER REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This chapter is referred to in sections 275, 6103, 6161, 6211, 6212, 6213, 6214, 6405, 6501, 6512, 6862, 6871, 7422 of this title.

§ 4981. Excise tax on undistributed income of real estate investment trusts

(a) Imposition of tax

There is hereby imposed a tax on every real estate investment trust for each calendar year equal to 4 percent of the excess (if any) of—

(1) the required distribution for such calendar year, over

(2) the distributed amount for such calendar year.

(b) Required distribution

For purposes of this section—

(1) In general

The term “required distribution” means, with respect to any calendar year, the sum of—

(A) 85 percent of the real estate investment trust’s ordinary income for such calendar year, plus

(B) 95 percent of the real estate investment trust’s capital gain net income for such calendar year.

(2) Increase by prior year shortfall

The amount determined under paragraph (1) for any calendar year shall be increased by the excess (if any) of—

(A) the grossed up required distribution for the preceding calendar year, over

(B) the distributed amount for such preceding calendar year.

(3) Grossed up required distribution

The grossed up required distribution for any calendar year is the required distribution for such year determined—

(A) with the application of paragraph (2) to such taxable year, and

(B) by substituting “100 percent” for each percentage set forth in paragraph (1).

(c) Distributed amount

For purposes of this section—

(1) In general

The term “distributed amount” means, with respect to any calendar year, the sum of—

(A) the deduction for dividends paid (as defined in section 561) during such calendar year (but computed without regard to that portion of such deduction which is attributable to the amount excluded under section 857(b)(2)(D)), and

(B) any amount on which tax is imposed under subsection (b)(1) or (b)(3)(A) of section 857 for any taxable year ending in such calendar year.